A Work Session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, April 30, 2012, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Larry Miller, Dave Tiffan and Iris Dicks. Trustee J.D. Kuhns was absent.

## **Visitors' Comments**

Visitors present were James Aikman, Dave Conlin, Bob Doan, and Stephanie Wierman, as well as Comptroller Sue Perrine.

## **Discussion items**

- President Bernius made a few announcements:
  - o Stormy Smith has had his second surgery and is doing well.
  - o Jeff Mercer is working on physical therapy.
  - o Randy Carter has started working.
  - o Lester Mechling will be fixing a water leak by the Welcome Center.
  - o He thanked the Board for the work they've done in the past year on infrastructure; he reviewed several of the projects.
- James Aikman reminded the Board of the Arthur Area Association of Commerce
  financial request for electricity panels to support festivals. The Association would like
  to have a part-time person at the Welcome Center and would like the Board to make a
  donation to the fireworks.
- S. Perrine stated the assessed value of the Village declined \$27,000. She reviewed the proposed budget and what the Balance Sheet might look like at the end of the next fiscal year if all things go according to the proposed budget.
- There was discussion regarding Christmas wreaths and an additional full-time police officer.
- There was lengthy discussion regarding the Village making donations to various community causes.
- S. Perrine will add \$2,000 for the AAAOC electrical panels. She will then send a copy of proposed budget to the USDA.
- The Board needs to pass the appropriations at the second meeting in May. The
  appropriation ordinance will look different now because the revenues must be included.

## Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:43pm.

Village Presid

ATTEST Jennifer M. Lauren

DATE May 7,2012